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**HEADS TOGETHER . . .** A. E. Greene, Harbor District Scout Executive, and Les Steigh of Lomita, Assistant District Commissioner (right), discuss troop operations course which they presented to harbor area scoutmasters and committeemen last Sunday at Lomita Park. (Photo by Arthur Willey).

## King Fighting Abandonment Of C.G. Office

Rep. Cecil King has informed Adm. Joseph F. Farley, coast guard commandant, that he is opposed to the present plans of the Coast Guard to close the 11th Naval district office in Long Beach and that he would bring the matter to the attention of the president if necessary.

King and Farley conferred for more than a half hour Friday after which King said that Farley had failed to convince him of the necessity for closing the Long Beach office.

The congressman added that he would ask the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, of which he is a member, to probe the motives behind the Coast Guard's proposal.

The Coast Guard has explained that it is consolidating its various districts throughout the country and in Alaska as an economy measure. The 11th Naval district office would be consolidated with the 12th district office in San Francisco.

But King said that he couldn't see how the Coast Guard was saving any money after it had spent \$100,000 with a New York firm of management engineers to find out how it could save money in its present operations.

The congressman said the economy survey cost more than can possibly be saved by closing the Long Beach headquarters and consolidating the two districts.

As to the guard's contention that no Los Angeles shipping functions will be affected, King argued that since the new set-up will place the Long Beach office under San Francisco, "our shipping will be directed by San Francisco interests."

Rep. Willis Bradley (R) of Long Beach has taken an opposite stand, stating that he doesn't believe the elimination of the Long Beach office will affect Coast Guard activities in Southern California.

"I hate to see the headquarters moved of course, but it is an economy move and when we take a dollar from them we can't complain when they take a nickel from us," Bradley said.

## 18 Scout Heads Attend Lomita Park Course

Eighteen Scoutmasters and committeemen from Lomita, Torrance, Gardena, Wilmington and San Pedro attended a training course held all day last Sunday in Lomita Park.

A basic Scouting course was given in the morning followed in the afternoon by troop operations instruction.

The group breakfasted at 7:30 a.m. in Scout fashion, minus utensils. Food was cooked over an open fire.

Instruction was given by Harbor District Executive A. E. Greene, Leslie Steigh and San Pedro Training Chief Mazar.

## Columbia Plant At Pittsburgh In Power Crisis

Partial shut-down of the Pittsburgh, Calif., plant of Columbia Steel Co., has resulted from the power shortage in Northern California caused by the statewide drought which brought daylight saving time to the state starting Sunday.

Some 1500 men at the Columbia Pittsburgh plant were subjected to one-day a week layoffs due to the power crisis, it was said.

"Virtually all" mills will close each Monday, a Columbia sportman at Pittsburgh said.

Columbia departments closing Mondays include rolling, rod, wire and nail and wire rope mills. Open hearth department will continue to operate seven days a week since it is necessary to maintain the high furnace temperatures needed for steel production. The foundry, already under reduced operation, will be closed each Friday.

## Lomitan New Writers Guild Vice President

Allen Ramsay of Lomita is the new vice-president of the San Pedro Writers Guild. It was announced this week.

Mrs. Cleo Cooper of San Pedro will head the organization for the coming term.

Other new officers include Inez Brumbelow of Lomita, treasurer; Alta Strosnider, secretary; Abe Abrams, press chairman and librarian; and Olive Porter, corresponding secretary.

Francois de la Roche accepted the office of program and Miss Elizabeth Sale that of contest chairman. She will receive manuscripts for the current short story contest at her home, 2725 Carolina street, prior to the April 1 closing date.

Five guild members have been named to act as judges in the current San Pedro High School Scribe contest. They are Mabel Cory, Gladys Thompson, Cleo Cooper, Beatrice Newhard, and Inez Brumbelow.

A short program, including a 30-minute radio script authored by Bernice Curler of Torrance, followed the election at last week's meeting.

The script is one of series concerning the people back of the great names in history. The series will be entitled "What's In a Name." Arthur Smith was the author of a ghost thriller, "The Lady Ought to Know."

## Western Job Due This Year

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby declared this week that he expects completion of Western avenue link from Torrance to Pacific Coast highway, which will provide another needed direct artery to San Pedro, this year.

The \$450,000 program, he stated, will benefit the entire harbor district, as well as Torrance and Lomita.

## Three File For Congress In This District

A third candidate for Representative in Congress from the 17th district has filed nomination papers, it was revealed this week.

Seeking the seat in Congress now occupied by Rep. Cecil R. King, whose district includes Torrance, Lomita and the harbor area, is Edwin M. Reimheimer, of Los Angeles. He is asking for the Republican nomination.

Rep. King has cross-filed, on the two major party tickets, although he is a registered Democrat.

The third candidate is Gayle Warrick, of Gardena, a Republican.

**MISSOURI PICNIC**  
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